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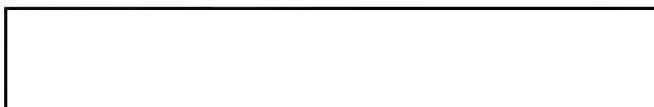
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West Germany - USSR: Bonn is prepared to negotiate a renunciation of force agreement with the USSR.

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The West Germans oppose a multilateral approach to the non-use of force question and would prefer bilateral negotiations with the Warsaw Pact states. Brandt and Scheel, however, are anxious to allay Soviet suspicions that Bonn plans to approach the Warsaw Pact members in a piecemeal fashion.

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Moscow may show some interest in going ahead on a renunciation of force agreement, and might find a means of glossing over the question of intervention rights. The USSR is not likely, however, to give up its insistence on favorable German action on the nonproliferation treaty and probably would also want West Germany's assurance that it would participate in the Soviet-proposed European security conference.

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